

Testimony in Support of S.B. 184 and H.B. 5262 regarding Absentee Voting

Hearing: FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 2022 – 10:00 AM

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of SB 184 and HB 5262. I am hoping that the current decline in Covid 19 cases will continue, but I am not at all confident that we have seen the last of it. We are already aware of the Omicron variant BA2 which is even more contagious than the original Omicron variant.

We need to be prepared for an increase in Covid 19 and make sure that voters are not denied their freedom to vote because of fear of contracting Covid when they go to the polls in November.

If it turns out that we can vote in person without fear of getting Covid, what will we have lost by being proactive and protecting our precious right to vote? SB 184 simply makes sense.

SB 5262 amends the State statutes to comply with the language of the Constitution. I view this as removing the ambiguities created by the inconsistency between the statute and the Constitution. I view any objection to this clarification as disingenuous and indefensible.

Thank you for supporting our freedom to vote.

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